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Phil Kaiser came to see me this morning. He is leaving tonight to resume his duties as Ambassador to Senegal.

I went with Bob Anderson and Walter Radius to Olympia, to see the International Food Fair. It is a [redacted] fascinating sight deserving of a day's attention. Delicacies from all over the world are on sale there. I made off with several varieties of American honey, and swallowed a glass of champagne at the German pavilion.

Marquis Childs and his wife lunched with me. He has been interviewing British political personalities.

The Soblen case continues to plague us. He was due to depart on a PanAmerican plane at eleven this morning. Enroute to the airport he was taken ill, thought to be unconscious, and rushed by British doctors to a hospital. Meanwhile, some members of Parliament are in full cry against the Government for its inhumanity in seeking to deport him. The two American marshals who have been lying in wait at Paris to accompany him home came over during the night, so we shall certainly find them in a state of considerable impatience.

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September 7, 1962 - Friday

Many of our people have been on vacation, but are flowing back again. The staff meeting this morning was somewhat reduced. The matter of most interest concerned Dr. Soblen. He is still unconscious; we are informed he may be on the point of death.

I attended a lunch at 1, Carlton Gardens, given by the Lord Privy Seal for the SEATO anniversary. I sat between Ted Heath and Sir Robert Scott. Peter Thorneycroft, several Ambassadors, High Commissioners, Admirals and Generals,

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Since there is no part of the world entirely unconcerned with US policies, London requires an extraordinary diversity of skills within the mission ~~accredited here~~.

As is true of London's position as a financial clearing-house, so politically its influence is global.

It is not to be expected, nor desirable, that the US and UK Governments should see eye to eye on every international subject. Our differences, however, are usually minor, and generally reconcilable. At any rate, I can think of no other Foreign Service post where personal relationships between officials of two countries are conducted on such an agreeable and understanding basis of sympathy.

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